

Vote Conservation

APPROPRIATION MINISTER(S): Minister of Conservation (M16), Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (M74)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING THE VOTE: Department of Conservation (A4)

RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION: Minister of Conservation

Details of Appropriations and Capital Injections

Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Conservation with the Community (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to public awareness and educational services, and growing conservation through building partnerships with others, including iwi, councils, community groups, businesses, and individuals.	38,427	4,229	42,656
Crown Contribution to Regional Pest Management (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to delivery of services to control weed and animal pests on lands administered by the Department of Conservation to meet statutory good neighbour obligations and negotiated outcomes of regional pest management plans.	3,312	(317)	2,995
Management of Historic Heritage (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to the protection and conservation management of historic heritage.	5,978	51	6,029
Management of Natural Heritage (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to maintaining, restoring and protecting ecosystems, habitats and species.	263,864	69,019	332,883
Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to recreational facilities and services, and the management of business concessions.	189,924	4,511	194,435
Search and Rescue Activities PLA (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to search and rescue activities and services as authorised under Section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.	-	465	465
Total Departmental Output Expenses	501,505	77,958	579,463
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Conservation, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.	44,821	(2,204)	42,617
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	44,821	(2,204)	42,617

	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Community Conservation Funds (M16) (A4)	11,992	(309)	11,683
This appropriation is limited to grants: for community groups and private landowners to undertake work on public and private land; to provide private land managers with information and advice, or assistance with pest and weed control, fencing and other biodiversity management actions; and to support community biodiversity restoration initiatives.			
Management Services - Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)	916	50	966
This appropriation is limited to management services for properties with historical or natural significance, including maintenance work, access for the public and management advice on covenanted properties.			
Moutoa Gardens/Pākaitore (M16) (A4)	23	15	38
This appropriation is limited to the ongoing management and maintenance of the Moutoa Gardens Reserve.			
Total Non-Departmental Output Expenses	12,931	(244)	12,687
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Administering Bodies of Crown Reserves (M16) (A4)	-	600	600
This appropriation is limited to reinstating revenue foregone, to administering bodies under the Reserves Act 1977, as a result of the Tourism Concessions Crown Waiver.			
Compensation Payments (M16) (A4)	60	-	60
This appropriation is limited to making obligatory compensation payments: when esplanade reserves are created, and upon vesting of coastal marine areas in the Crown.			
Depreciation - Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)	311	4	315
This appropriation is limited to the depreciation on Crown property, plant and equipment on Crown land administered by the Department of Conservation.			
Impairment of Public Conservation Land (M74) (A4)	50	1,651	1,701
This appropriation is limited to the impairment in value of Public Conservation land to be transferred to iwi as part of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements.			
Loss on Disposal of Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)	2,525	(1,594)	931
This appropriation is limited to losses incurred on the disposal of Crown property, plant and equipment.			
Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16) (A4)	837	419	1,256
This appropriation is limited to making grants to support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge relating to NZ's indigenous biodiversity.			
Payment of Rates on Properties for Concessionaires (M16) (A4)	839	160	999
This appropriation is limited to the payment of rates: on reserves; conservation areas that are used for private or commercial purposes; and for services provided by a local authority.			
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts (M16) (A4)	100	900	1,000
This appropriation is limited to the write-off of debts relating to Crown Revenue.			
Subscriptions to International Organisations (M16) (A4)	405	45	450
This appropriation is limited to meeting annual subscriptions to international conservation organisations.			
Vesting of Reserves (M16) (A4)	150	4,548	4,698
This appropriation is limited to the costs incurred in vesting Crown reserves in third parties, and Crown contributions towards the purchase of reserves by third parties.			
Waikaremoana Lakebed Lease (M16) (A4)	241	-	241
This appropriation is limited to payments made under the Lake Waikaremoana Act 1971 for the lease of the lakebed and foreshore for conservation purposes.			

	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type			
Wildlife Institutions Relief Fund (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to providing financial support to captive wildlife institutions impacted by COVID-19.	-	14,890	14,890
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	5,518	21,623	27,141
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Crown Land Acquisitions (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of property for the Conservation Estate.	2,000	2,240	4,240
Flood Recovery Work (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to flood recovery work for Milford Village & Little Tahiti.	-	1,014	1,014
Pike River Memorial and Museum (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to the Pike River memorial, the interpretation centre and museum as historic assets.	-	921	921
Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to the purchase of conservation land, including the purchase of reserves, and any associated administration costs as provided for under the Reserves Act 1977.	3,600	(679)	2,921
Total Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	5,600	3,496	9,096
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure			
Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA (M16) (A4) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support the protection for natural and historic places.	22,945	14,092	37,037
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II This category is limited to identification and implementation of protection of biodiversity on private land.	3,412	2,000	5,412
Nature Heritage Fund This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land.	6,713	1,144	7,857
Ngā Whenua Rāhui This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land.	8,820	9,830	18,650
South Island Landless Natives Act This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems in Māori ownership on South Island Landless Natives Act (SILNA) land.	4,000	(3,882)	118
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases This category is limited to land purchases necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land.	-	5,000	5,000

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Policy Advice, Statutory Planning, and Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies MCA (M16) (A4) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and other services to Ministers and other parties.	15,147	(116)	15,031
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Policy Advice</i> This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to conservation.	4,197	253	4,450
<i>Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies</i> This category is limited to statutory planning and the provision of services to Ministers (other than policy decision making responsibilities) and statutory bodies to enable them to discharge their portfolio and responsibilities.	10,950	(369)	10,581
Provincial Growth Fund - Conservation Projects MCA (M16) (A4) The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift the productivity potential of the regions through conservation-related projects.	4,600	(1,000)	3,600
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Regional Projects</i> This category is limited to expenses incurred on conservation-related projects that contribute to regional development.	2,295	250	2,545
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
<i>Infrastructure Projects</i> This category is limited to capital expenditure on conservation-related infrastructure projects that contribute to regional development.	2,305	(1,250)	1,055
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure	42,692	12,976	55,668
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	613,067	113,605	726,672

Multi-Year Appropriations

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses		
Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to contributions towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050. Commences: 01 July 2020 Expires: 30 June 2025	Original Appropriation Adjustments to 2019/20 Adjustments for 2020/21 Adjusted Appropriation Actual to 2019/20 Year End Estimated Actual for 2020/21 Estimate for 2021/22 Estimated Appropriation Remaining	29,070 - 93,169 122,239 - 32,924 33,125 56,190

Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations

	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations	613,067	113,605	726,672
Total Forecast MYA Non-Departmental Output Expenses	5,814	27,110	32,924
Total Annual Appropriations and Forecast Permanent Appropriations and Multi-Year Appropriations	618,881	140,715	759,596

Capital Injection Authorisations

	2020/21		
	Estimates Budget \$000	Supplementary Estimates Budget \$000	Total Budget \$000
Department of Conservation - Capital Injection (M16) (A4)	39,090	36,945	76,035

Supporting Information

Part 1 - Vote as a Whole

1.2 - Trends in the Vote

Summary of Financial Activity

	2020/21				
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates			Total \$000
		Departmental Transactions \$000	Non- Departmental Transactions \$000	Total Transactions \$000	
Appropriations					
Output Expenses	520,250	77,958	26,866	104,824	625,074
Benefits or Related Expenses	-	N/A	-	-	-
Borrowing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	5,518	-	21,623	21,623	27,141
Capital Expenditure	50,421	(2,204)	3,496	1,292	51,713
Intelligence and Security Department Expenses and Capital Expenditure	-	-	N/A	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure (MCA)					
<i>Output Expenses</i>	38,092	(116)	9,092	8,976	47,068
<i>Other Expenses</i>	2,295	-	250	250	2,545
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	2,305	N/A	3,750	3,750	6,055
Total Appropriations	618,881	75,638	65,077	140,715	759,596
Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts					
Tax Revenue	-	N/A	-	-	-
Non-Tax Revenue	28,494	N/A	715	715	29,209
Capital Receipts	3,800	N/A	-	-	3,800
Total Crown Revenue and Capital Receipts	32,294	N/A	715	715	33,009

1.4 - Reconciliation of Changes in Appropriation Structure

Estimates	2020/21 (Estimates) \$000	Supplementary Estimates (Changes during the year)	Amount Moved \$000	New Structure	2020/21 (Restated) \$000
Non-Departmental Output Expenses					
Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA					
Nature Heritage Fund	6,713	Transferred to Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases	(5,000)		1,713
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure					
Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA					
Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases	-	Transferred from Nature Heritage Fund	5,000		5,000
Total Changes in Appropriations	6,713		-		6,713

The adjustments in the table reflect the new category in the Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places multi-category appropriation set up for Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases; to distinguish capital expenditure from Nature Heritage Fund operating expenses.

Explanations of the reasons for changing the appropriation structure are noted in the details of each appropriation in Parts 2-4.

Part 2 - Details of Departmental Appropriations

2.1 - Departmental Output Expenses

Conservation with the Community (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to public awareness and educational services, and growing conservation through building partnerships with others, including iwi, councils, community groups, businesses, and individuals.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	38,427	4,229	42,656
Revenue from the Crown	34,357	4,209	38,566
Revenue from Others	4,070	20	4,090

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.229 million to \$42.656 million for 2020/21 due to:

- fiscally neutral adjustments of \$5.500 million from other Departmental output expenses in 2020/21 to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (increase)
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$53,000 from the Management of Natural Heritage output expense appropriation, relating to the redistribution of funds received from Enhancing Biodiversity Outcomes funding in 2020/21 (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme), to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (increase), and
- increase in third party revenue forecast from third parties (mainly administration recoveries) of \$20,000 (increase).

partly offset by:

- expense transfers of \$1.329 million to 2021/22 as a result of unexpected delays with third parties regarding Tū Te Rakiwhānoa Drylands and treaty settlements (decrease), and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$15,000 to the Moutoa Gardens/Pākaitore Non-Departmental output expense appropriation to fund the increase in purchase agreement between the Crown and the Pākaitore/Moutoa Gardens Historic Reserve Board in 2020/21 (decrease).

Crown Contribution to Regional Pest Management (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to delivery of services to control weed and animal pests on lands administered by the Department of Conservation to meet statutory good neighbour obligations and negotiated outcomes of regional pest management plans.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	3,312	(317)	2,995
Revenue from the Crown	3,212	(246)	2,966
Revenue from Others	100	(71)	29

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$317,000 to \$2.995 million for 2020/21 due to:

- fiscally neutral adjustments of \$250,000 to other Departmental output expenses in 2020/21 to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (decrease), and
- a decrease in third party revenue forecast from third parties (mainly sponsorships) of \$71,000 (decrease).

partly offset by:

- expense transfers of \$4,000 from 2019/20 as a result of unexpected delays in engaging with external stakeholders (increase).

Management of Historic Heritage (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the protection and conservation management of historic heritage.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	5,978	51	6,029
Revenue from the Crown	5,503	480	5,983
Revenue from Others	475	(429)	46

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$51,000 to \$6.029 million for 2020/21 due to:

- fiscally neutral adjustments of \$500,000 from other Departmental output expenses in 2020/21 to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (increase).

partly offset by:

- a reduction in forecasted third party revenue of \$429,000 driven by lower visitor numbers (decrease), and
- a fiscally neutral transfer of \$20,000 to the Management Services - Natural and Historic Places Non-Departmental output expense appropriation to help fund the repair and repaint of the Dominion Observatory roof (decrease).

Management of Natural Heritage (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to maintaining, restoring and protecting ecosystems, habitats and species.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	263,864	69,019	332,883
Revenue from the Crown	239,463	67,331	306,794
Revenue from Others	24,401	1,688	26,089

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$69.019 million to \$332.883 million for 2020/21 due to:

- additional funding of \$66.667 million for supporting businesses to retain staff by connecting them to work in Government's environmental priorities (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase)
- additional funding of \$22.726 million relating to the approval of Enhancing Biodiversity Outcomes funds (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase)
- additional funding of \$18.918 million for pest management, including predator free and eradication (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase)
- additional funding of \$2.887 million for the Conservation Services Programme from industry levies (increase)
- capital charge adjustment of \$2.084 million on asset revaluations (increase)
- an increase in third party revenue forecast of \$1.688 million from administration recoveries and sponsorships (increase), and
- additional funding of \$550,000 received from mining compensation revenue (increase).

partly offset by:

- net expense transfers of \$26.993 million to 2021/22 as a result of delays in engaging with third parties and pending enactment of legislation (decrease)
- decrease in funding of \$12.892 million received from the International Visitor Levy (decrease)
- capital charge adjustment of \$3.362 million relating to the decrease in capital charge rate from 6% to 5% from 1 July 2020 (decrease)
- fiscally neutral adjustments of \$3.050 million to other Departmental output expenses in 2020/21 to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (decrease)
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$174,000 relating to staff seconded from Vote Conservation to Vote Customs to assist in enforcing the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order (no 2) 2020 (decrease), and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$30,000 to the Management Services - Natural and Historic Places Non-departmental output expense appropriation to cover insurance on Crown properties which were previously charged incorrectly against Departmental expenses (decrease).

Management of Recreational Opportunities (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to recreational facilities and services, and the management of business concessions.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	189,924	4,511	194,435
Revenue from the Crown	157,147	8,907	166,054
Revenue from Others	30,777	(4,396)	26,381

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.511 million to \$194.435 million for 2020/21 due to:

- net third party revenue and Crown funding adjustments of \$5.275 million resulting from forecasted impact of COVID-19 on tourism related activities, sponsorship and administration recoveries, aligning to budgeted work plans across output classes (increase)
- net expense transfers of \$2.838 million from 2019/20 due to unexpected delays in engaging with external stakeholders and from delays caused by COVID-19 (increase)
- capital charge adjustment of \$2.435 million on asset revaluations (increase)
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.500 million from the Provincial Growth Fund - Conservation Projects MCA - Infrastructure projects (Non-Departmental capital expenditure) for Waka Kotahi NZTA to seek cost recoveries for managing the construction of the pedestrian cycle pathway at Dolomite Point (increase)

- additional funding of \$1.159 million approved for Southern South Island flood recovery (increase), and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$392,000 from Vote Pike River Re-entry to Vote Conservation to fund rehabilitation work on the bridges on the access road to the Pike River Mine (increase).

partly offset by:

- decrease in funding of \$5.161 million received from the International Visitor Levy (decrease), and
- capital charge adjustment of \$3.927 million relating to the decrease in capital charge rate from 6% to 5% from 1 July 2020 (decrease).

Search and Rescue Activities PLA (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to search and rescue activities and services as authorised under Section 9(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Expenses and Revenue

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	465	465
Revenue from the Crown	-	465	465
Revenue from Others	-	-	-

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the support, contribution to and improvements to the delivery of Search and Rescue (SAR) related services.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2020/21		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
Strategy and terms of reference for improved sector coordination signed off.	-	Meets	Meets

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Department of Conservation in the Annual report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2020/21 to provide funding of up to \$465,000 for search and rescue activities and services as authorised under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

2.3 - Departmental Capital Expenditure and Capital Injections

Department of Conservation - Capital Expenditure PLA (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Department of Conservation, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Forests/Agricultural	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	39,821	(2,204)	37,617
Intangibles	5,000	-	5,000
Other	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	44,821	(2,204)	42,617

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$2.204 million to \$42.617 million for 2020/21 due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$5 million to Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA - Nature Heritage Fund expenses in 2020/21 for the purchases of land necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land (decrease).

partly offset by:

- additional funding of \$2.796 million approved for Southern South Island flood recovery (increase).

*Capital Injections and Movements in Departmental Net Assets***Department of Conservation**

Details of Net Asset Schedule	2020/21 Main Estimates Projections \$000	2020/21 Supplementary Estimates Projections \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2020/21
Opening Balance	687,889	728,934	Supplementary Estimates opening balance reflects the audited results as at 30 June 2020.
Capital Injections	39,090	76,035	Capital injections increased by \$36.945 million to \$76.035 million for 2020/21 due to capital transfers from 2019/20 of \$34.022 million due to unexpected delays in consultation with third parties and the effects of COVID-19 (increase), \$5.127 million received from the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund to support the Department's motor vehicle replacement plan (increase) and additional funding of \$2.796 million approved for Southern South Island flood recovery (increase). These increases were partly offset by a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$5 million to Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places MCA - Nature Heritage Fund expenses in 2020/21 for the purchases of land necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land (decrease).
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	(2,000)	(2,000)	Forecasted deficit.
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	724,979	802,969	

Part 3 - Details of Non-Departmental Appropriations

3.1 - Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Community Conservation Funds (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to grants: for community groups and private landowners to undertake work on public and private land; to provide private land managers with information and advice, or assistance with pest and weed control, fencing and other biodiversity management actions; and to support community biodiversity restoration initiatives.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$309,000 to \$11.683 million for 2020/21 due to:

- net expense transfers of \$10.255 million to 2021/22 due to delays owing to private landowner/community group involvement in project, volunteer availability to complete project setup and implementation and unfavourable weather events impacting seasonal planting and pest management cycles (decrease).

partly offset by:

- additional funding of \$9.946 million from Enhancing Biodiversity Outcomes funds (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase).

Management Services - Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to management services for properties with historical or natural significance, including maintenance work, access for the public and management advice on covenanted properties.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$50,000 to \$966,000 for 2020/21 due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$30,000 from the Management of Natural Heritage Departmental output expense appropriation to cover insurance on Crown properties which were previously charged incorrectly against Departmental expenses (increase), and
- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$20,000 from the Management of Historic Heritage Departmental output expense appropriation to help fund the repair and repaint of the Dominion Observatory roof (increase).

Moutoa Gardens/Pākaitore (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the ongoing management and maintenance of the Moutoa Gardens Reserve.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$15,000 to \$38,000 for 2020/21 due to a fiscally neutral adjustment from the Conservation with the Community Departmental output expense appropriation to fund the increase in purchase agreement between the Crown and the Pākaitore/Moutoa Gardens Historic Reserve Board in 2020/21.

Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation and Expenses

Type, Title, Scope and Period of Appropriations	Appropriations, Adjustments and Use	\$000
Predator Free New Zealand (M16) (A4) This appropriation is limited to contributions towards activities aimed at controlling and eradicating mammalian pests in New Zealand by 2050. Commences: 01 July 2020 Expires: 30 June 2025	Original Appropriation	29,070
	Adjustments to 2019/20	-
	Adjustments for 2020/21	93,169
	Adjusted Appropriation	122,239
	Actual to 2019/20 Year End	-
	Estimated Actual for 2020/21	32,924
	Estimate for 2021/22	33,125
	Estimated Appropriation Remaining	56,190

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This multi-year appropriation increased by \$93.169 million to \$122.239 million in 2020/21 due to:

- additional funding of \$76 million for pest management, including predator free and eradication (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase), and
- funding transferred of \$17.169 million from the previous multi-year appropriation which expired on 30 June 2020 (increase).

3.4 - Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Administering Bodies of Crown Reserves (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to reinstating revenue foregone, to administering bodies under the Reserves Act 1977, as a result of the Tourism Concessions Crown Waiver.

Expenses

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	600	600

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to provide funding to administering bodies of Crown reserves to offset costs incurred associated to the preservation of the reserves they administer during the COVID-19 Tourism concessions Crown waiver period.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount is less than \$5 million.

Service Providers

Provider	2020/21			Expiry of Resourcing Commitment
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000	
Administering Bodies of Crown Reserves	-	600	600	30 June 2021

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2020/21 to provide funding of up to \$600,000 for reinstating revenue foregone, to administering bodies under the Reserves Act 1977, as a result of the Tourism Concessions Crown Fee Waiver.

Depreciation - Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the depreciation on Crown property, plant and equipment on Crown land administered by the Department of Conservation.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4,000 to \$315,000 for 2020/21 due to additional funding of \$4,000 approved for Southern South Island flood recovery.

Impairment of Public Conservation Land (M74) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the impairment in value of Public Conservation land to be transferred to iwi as part of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$1.651 million to \$1.701 million in 2020/21 due to:

- an expense transfer of \$1.359 million from 2019/20, as a result of the timing of the write-down of land subject to Treaty settlements (increase), and
- additional funding for Treaty settlement costs of \$292,000 (increase).

Loss on Disposal of Crown Property, Plant and Equipment (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to losses incurred on the disposal of Crown property, plant and equipment.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1.594 million to \$931,000 for 2020/21 due to:

- an expense transfer of \$1.925 million to 2021/22 pending enactment of Waitangi Endowment Forest legislation (decrease).

partly offset by:

- additional funding for loss on disposal of Crown property of \$331,000 (increase).

Mātauranga Māori Fund (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to making grants to support initiatives to protect traditional Māori knowledge relating to NZ's indigenous biodiversity.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$419,000 to \$1.256 million for 2020/21 due to net expense transfers to 2020/21 resulting from delays in finalising third party arrangements.

Payment of Rates on Properties for Concessionaires (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the payment of rates: on reserves; conservation areas that are used for private or commercial purposes; and for services provided by a local authority.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$160,000 to \$999,000 for 2020/21 due to increased rating values and rates on new properties becoming payable.

Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the write-off of debts relating to Crown Revenue.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$900,000 to \$1 million for 2020/21 due to increased possible debtor write offs; provisioning for further impact of COVID-19 on tourism related businesses.

Subscriptions to International Organisations (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to meeting annual subscriptions to international conservation organisations.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$45,000 to \$450,000 for 2020/21 due to increased charges from all of the international organisations subscribed to.

Vesting of Reserves (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the costs incurred in vesting Crown reserves in third parties, and Crown contributions towards the purchase of reserves by third parties.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$4.548 million to \$4.698 million for 2020/21 due to:

- an expense transfer for \$4.500 million from 2019/20 due to the unplanned delays of planned vestings (increase)
- additional land parcel valued at \$40,000 identified for vesting to third parties (increase), and
- technical adjustment for increased net book values of the land parcels since the previous financial year of \$8,000 (increase).

Wildlife Institutions Relief Fund (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to providing financial support to captive wildlife institutions impacted by COVID-19.

Expenses

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	14,890	14,890

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the prevention of closure of captive wildlife institutions that play a pivotal role in the recovery of New Zealand's threatened species.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

	2020/21		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Assessment of Performance			
The number of wildlife institutions assisted during the year.	-	45-50	45-50

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Conservation in the Vote Conservation Non-Departmental Appropriations report.

Service Providers

Provider	2020/21			Expiry of Resourcing Commitment
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000	
Wildlife Institutions	-	14,890	14,890	30 June 2021

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This is a new appropriation for 2020/21 to provide funding of up to \$14.890 million for financial support to captive wildlife institutions impacted by COVID-19.

3.5 - Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Crown Land Acquisitions (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of property for the Conservation Estate.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$2.240 million to \$4.240 million for 2020/21 due to a capital expenditure transfer of \$2.240 million relating to delays in the Redcliffs Park and School land exchange following the Christchurch earthquakes.

Flood Recovery Work (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to flood recovery work for Milford Village & Little Tahiti.

Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	1,014	1,014

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to flood recovery work for Milford Village & Little Tahiti.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount is less than \$15 million.

Pike River Memorial and Museum (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the Pike River memorial, the interpretation centre and museum as historic assets.

Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	-	921	921

What is Intended to be Achieved with this Appropriation

This appropriation is intended to achieve the establishment of the Pike River memorial and the interpretation centre and museum as historic assets.

How Performance will be Assessed and End of Year Reporting Requirements

An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount is less than \$15 million.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$921,000 to \$921,000 for 2020/21 due to a capital expenditure transfer from 2019/20.

Purchase and Development of Reserves (M16) (A4)

Scope of Appropriation

This appropriation is limited to the purchase of conservation land, including the purchase of reserves, and any associated administration costs as provided for under the Reserves Act 1977.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$679,000 to \$2.921 million for 2020/21 due to:

- capital expenditure transfer of \$1.800 million to 2021/22 as not all funds in the bank account will be spent in 2020/21 (decrease).

partly offset by:

- the Reserve Trust balance brought forward to 2020/21 only. The Reserve Trust bank account is funded by the disposal of reserves and is available for the purchase and development of reserves only when required. The amount brought forward was \$1.121 million (increase).

Part 4 - Details of Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

4 - Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure

Identification and Implementation of Protection for Natural and Historic Places (M16) (A4)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support the protection for natural and historic places.

Scope of Appropriation

Non-Departmental Output Expenses

Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II

This category is limited to identification and implementation of protection of biodiversity on private land.

Nature Heritage Fund

This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on private land.

Ngā Whenua Rāhui

This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems on Māori land.

South Island Landless Natives Act

This category is limited to the identification and implementation of protection of indigenous ecosystems in Māori ownership on South Island Landless Natives Act (SILNA) land.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases

This category is limited to land purchases necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	22,945	14,092	37,037
Non-Departmental Output Expenses			
Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II	3,412	2,000	5,412
Nature Heritage Fund	6,713	1,144	7,857
Ngā Whenua Rāhui	8,820	9,830	18,650
South Island Landless Natives Act	4,000	(3,882)	118
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases	-	5,000	5,000

What is Intended to be Achieved with each Category and How Performance will be Assessed

Assessment of Performance	2020/21		
	Estimates Standard	Supplementary Estimates Standard	Total Standard
Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II			
This category is intended to achieve the identification and implementation of protection of biodiversity on private land.			
Number of new covenant registrations.	Exempt	110	110
Hectares for new covenant registrations.	Exempt	2,600	2,600
Percentage of all new covenants approved that secure protection of one or more of the four national priorities for biodiversity protection on private land and/or add to a protected corridor or protected landscape.	Exempt	90%	90%
Percentage of covenants monitored during the year.	Exempt	40%	40%
Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases			
This category is limited to land purchases necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land.			
An exemption was granted under s15D(2)(b)(iii) of the PFA, as the amount of Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases is less than \$15 million.	-	Exempt	Exempt

Service Providers for the Multi-Category Appropriation

Provider	2020/21			Expiry of Resourcing Commitment
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000	
Non-Government Organisations				
Nature Heritage Fund (for Nature Heritage Fund Land Purchases - new category)	-	5,000	5,000	Ongoing

End of Year Performance Reporting

Performance information for this appropriation will be reported by the Minister of Conservation in the Vote Conservation Non-Departmental Appropriations report.

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation increased by \$14.092 million to \$37.037 million for 2020/21 due to:

- Ngā Whenua Rāhui funding received of \$12.072 million from the redistribution of funds received from Enhancing Biodiversity Outcomes in 2020/21 (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response programme) (increase)
- Nature Heritage Fund fiscally neutral adjustment of \$5 million from Capital Expenditure PLA (Departmental capital expenditure) in 2020/21 for the purchases of land necessary to protect high value indigenous ecosystems on private land (increase)
- Legal Protection Queen Elizabeth II National Trust funding received of \$2 million from the redistribution of funds received from Enhancing Biodiversity Outcomes in 2020/21 (Jobs for Nature COVID-19 response) (increase), and
- Nature Heritage Fund expense transfers of \$1.144 million from 2019/20 due to unanticipated delays, such as awaiting survey completion, delays in negotiations with third parties, contractor availability, seasonal timing and unfavourable weather events (increase).

partly offset by:

- South Island Landless Natives Act net expense transfers to 2021/22 of \$3.882 million due to delays resulting from the complexities of multiple ownership for the land areas involved (decrease), and
- Ngā Whenua Rāhui net expense transfers to 2021/22 of \$2.242 million due to delays in negotiations with third parties, contractor availability and difficulty accessing challenging terrain (decrease).

In 2020/21 a new category was created for Natural Heritage Fund Land Purchases; to distinguish capital expenditure from Natural Heritage Fund operating expenses. \$5 million was transferred from the Natural Heritage Fund category to this new category.

Policy Advice, Statutory Planning, and Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies (M16) (A4)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to provide policy advice and other services to Ministers and other parties.

Scope of Appropriation

Departmental Output Expenses

Policy Advice

This category is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributions to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to conservation.

Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies

This category is limited to statutory planning and the provision of services to Ministers (other than policy decision making responsibilities) and statutory bodies to enable them to discharge their portfolio and responsibilities.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	15,147	(116)	15,031
Departmental Output Expenses			
Policy Advice	4,197	253	4,450
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	10,950	(369)	10,581
Funding for Departmental Output Expenses			
Revenue from the Crown	14,581	355	14,936
Policy Advice	4,097	333	4,430
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	10,484	22	10,506
Revenue from Others	566	(471)	95
Policy Advice	100	(80)	20
Statutory Planning, Services to Ministers and Statutory Bodies	466	(391)	75

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$116,000 to \$15.031 million for 2020/21 due to:

- a reduction in third party revenue forecast of \$471,000 mainly from administration recoveries (decrease), and
- net expense transfers to 2021/22 of \$158,000 due to unexpected delays in work supplied from the third-party vendors (decrease).

partly offset by:

- fiscally neutral adjustments of \$300,000 from other Departmental output expenses in 2020/21 to realign budgets with work plans, based on forecast expenditure (increase), and
- funding transfer of \$213,000 from Vote Business, Science and Innovation for research advice (increase).

Provincial Growth Fund - Conservation Projects (M16) (A4)

Overarching Purpose Statement

The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to lift the productivity potential of the regions through conservation-related projects.

Scope of Appropriation

Non-Departmental Other Expenses

Regional Projects

This category is limited to expenses incurred on conservation-related projects that contribute to regional development.

Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure

Infrastructure Projects

This category is limited to capital expenditure on conservation-related infrastructure projects that contribute to regional development.

Expenses, Revenue and Capital Expenditure

	2020/21		
	Estimates \$000	Supplementary Estimates \$000	Total \$000
Total Appropriation	4,600	(1,000)	3,600
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Regional Projects	2,295	250	2,545
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Infrastructure Projects	2,305	(1,250)	1,055

Reasons for Change in Appropriation

This appropriation decreased by \$1 million to \$3.600 million for 2020/21 due to:

- a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$1.500 million to the Management of Recreational Opportunities Departmental output expenses appropriation for Waka Kotahi NZTA to seek cost recoveries for managing the construction of the pedestrian cycle pathway at Dolomite Point (decrease).

partly offset by:

- capital and expense transfers from 2019/20 of \$500,000 due to unexpected delays securing suitable engineering and architect consultants for final design work and supplier consultation seeking clarity of the tendering process (increase).